



The Lowell Volunteer Partner

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Lowell National Historical Park

LOWELL CANALWATERS CLEANERS WIN THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE VOLUNTEER GROUP OF THE YEAR AWARD!



Bill and Connie Moreau (from the right) with Michael Creasey, and Mike Wurm at the NPS awards dinner in Washington, D.C.

On May 12, Executive Director Bill Moreau and his wife, volunteer Connie Moreau, received the George B. Hartzog Volunteer Group of the Year award for the entire National Park System from Interior Department and National Park Service leaders in Washington, D.C. Park Superintendent Michael Creasey and Volunteer Coordinator Mike Wurm attended and joined in the applause for this sterling example of partnership and community stewardship being recognized on the national level.

The park is quite proud of the volunteer work done by this group and partners such as Keep Lowell Beautiful in the battle to clean up the canals and reduce littering in the park and historic downtown district. Way to go, Canalwaters Cleaners!

New Folk Festival Positions

Do you want to try something different? Then consider taking one of the eight new volunteer positions:

- Stage Manager Assistant
- Site Supervisor Assistant
- Site Rovers
- Survey Crew Member
- Art in the Courtyard Assistant
- Stage and Equipment Set up/Take Down
- Recycling Collector and
- Festival Set Up and Take Down.

If you do not want to miss the music, consider working on dates before and after the festival: **Stage and Equipment Set up 7/25-7/27, Stage and Equipment Take Down on 7/30-8/2.**

Festival Set Up takes place on Sat. and Sunday mornings before the music begins at noon. **Festival Take Down** on 7/29-7/30 starts as stage and eating areas close down in the late afternoons.

Do you want to be a last minute festival volunteer?

On any day **before** the folk festival, call us at 978-970-5200.

If you decide to volunteer after you get to the Lowell Folk Festival:

Stop off at the Festival Volunteer Center located in the Career Center on John Street close to the John Street stage from 10 AM to 5 PM.

How Do I Find Out About Festival Volunteer Positions?

Twenty-four positions are listed at: <http://www.lowellfolkfestival.org/volunteer.html>.

E-mail questions to:
Lowell_NHP_Volunteers@nps.gov

or

Speak to a **real human being** at 978-275-1740 or 978-275-1735 during office hours, Mondays - Saturdays.

The **Stage Manager Assistant** works with a professional Stage Manager to help keep the stage secure from uninvited intrusions.

The major goals of the **Assistant Site Supervisor** and the **Site Rovers** are: 1) help the audience enjoy the stage site and 2) help the performers focus on presenting their music without hindrance.

The **Art in the Courtyard Assistant** helps with setup of tables and meal brakes for regional artists. The **Survey Crew Member** gets to talk with festival goers about what they think about the festival itself.

What's Coming Up for Lowell NHP Volunteers?

- * **June 20**, 6:30, Mehmed Ali history talk on French Canadian Heroes of Lowell, followed by Volunteer Programs Council meeting open to all; Visitor Center
- * **June 24**, morning. Merrimack Canal clean-up with Lowell Canalwaters Cleaners along Dutton St.
- * **June 26**. Park orientation training for seasonal employees, volunteers, & interns at Visitor Center.
- * **June 28**, 9 – 11, Interpretive Skills training at Visitor Center.
- * **June 30**. Lowell Summer Music Series kicks off (call us if you can volunteer at Boarding House Park this summer)
- * **July 3**. Marcia Ball fundraiser concert for LFF at Boarding House Park
- * **July 18**, 19, 22, 25: LFF volunteer orientation meetings at Booth
- * **July 22**. Canal clean-up with Lowell Canalwaters Cleaners pre-LFF
- * **July 28-30**. 20th Annual Lowell Folk Festival, our greatest volunteer event!
- * **August 25**. VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CONCERT: MIGHTY SAM MCCLAIN & THE MIGHTY HORNS (all office to reserve by Aug. 18)
- * **September 23**. VOLUNTEER FIELD TRIP TO BLACKSTONE CANAL NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR (Call for details.)

Free Passes to Lowell Summer Music Series Concerts.

What's the catch?

TWO VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR VOLUNTEER & GUEST TO ATTEND LSMS CONCERTS. VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE PUT IN 100 HOURS OVER THE LAST YEAR SHOULD CALL MIKE WURM AT 978-275-1735 TO RESERVE FOR THE CONCERT.

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